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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

ABIDJAN FOR AMBASSADOR ROBERT P. SMITH

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR RH GH  
SUBJ: FURTHER TALKS WITH SITHOLE

REF: (A) ACCRA 3631 (NOTAL), (B) ACCRA 3486 (NOTAL)

1. SITHOLE AND NUKOMO CAME TO EMBASSY 0945 GMT MAY 11,  
SITHOLE SAID HE WAS "VERY PLEASED, EXTREMELY PLEASED"  
THAT US IS SERIOUSLY COMMITTED TO MAJORITY RULE IN  
ZIMBABWE IN 1978. THIS WILL DETER FORCES (PRESUMABLY  
SOVIETS OR CUBANS) WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE ACTIVE IN  
ZIMBABWE, HE NOTED, ADDING THAT US STAND WILL PUT  
PRESSURE ON SMITH TO ACCEPT REALITIES OF SITUATION  
RATHER THAN RUNNING AWAY FROM THEM AS HE HAS DONE IN PAST.

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SITHOLE FEELS NEW US COMMITMENT WILL NOT GIVE SMITH  
ANY PLACE TO RUN.

2. SITHOLE WAS ALSO PLEASED BY US APPRECIATION OF HIS  
CONCERN THAT ANY NEW CONFERENCE BE PRECEDED BY CAREFUL  
PREPARATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED.  
HE HOPES TO MEET WITH CONSULTATIVE GROUP WHEN IT IS

SET UP. "ALL IN ALL," HE CONCLUDED, "WE'RE SATISFIED.

THE US IS TAKING A POSITIVE LEAD."

3. RESPONDING TO MY OBSERVATION THAT THE US WAS NOW  
ADDRESSING ITSELF SERIOUSLY TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN  
ISSUES, SITHOLE PREDICTED US INVOLVEMENT WOULD NOT ONLY  
HELP ENSURE A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN  
RHODESIA BUT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A PATTERN FOR RESOLUTION  
OF SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM, LEADING TO A CONSTRUCTIVE  
BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE AND (HOPEFULLY) TO PEACEFUL  
EVOLUTION IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF.

4. SITHOLE PLANS TO LEAVE EITHER TODAY OR TOMORROW  
FOR LONDON. LINEHAN

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